



**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
The Commissioner

September 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Enzi:

I am very pleased to inform you that, after careful review, the Social Security Administration will establish a satellite hearing office in Casper, Wyoming. I know that this is good news for you and your constituents and we hope to have this office open by the end of 2006 or early 2007.

We continually review the service we provide through our network of offices throughout the United States and, when determining the location of new facilities, we carefully examine a number of factors, including workload analyses and the distances people must travel to reach an office.

The Casper office will be a satellite of the current Billings, Montana Hearing Office and will enable us to better serve the people of Wyoming, especially since Wyoming is the only State without a permanent hearing location.

We have already begun to look at potential office locations within Casper and are making plans for staffing that office once opened.

Earlier this year, on June 24, 2005, you and the other members of the Wyoming delegation wrote to me strongly supporting Casper as the location for a new satellite hearing office, and I wanted each of you to be among the first to know of our decision. I am sending an identical letter to Senator Thomas and Congresswoman Cubin. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Robert M. Wilson, Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne B. Barnhart